

WRITERS 'FLAGGED' WHILE THEY READ

James Montgomery, of That Ilk, Wields Pencil at Authors' League Fest.

DRAWINGS AND BOOKS ON SALE

Non-Verbal Dialogue with Patient Lighter Obligato Proves Diverting to Big Audience.

Financially, socially and artistically the greatest entertainment for the benefit of the Authors' League of America, in the Hotel Plaza yesterday, was the most successful affair the league has ever held. Mrs. Edmund de Koven, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish and Mrs. Willard Straight were on the committee in charge. There was a sale of autographed books and caricatures of James Montgomery Flagg made of members while they read from their own works.

Cyril Maude and Laurette Taylor appeared in "One Play of One Word." Each gave a word alternately, succeeding as in this jolly way in making love, seeking marriage, getting accepted, making a cigarette and thanking the audience. It went something like this:

Cyril—Mother.

Laurette—Home.

Cy—Good.

La—Why?

Cy—You.

Being in this way converted his ecstasy into a desire with Laurette, Cyril produced cigarette and a patient lighter.

Cyr—Smoke!

La—Sometimes.

Cy—When?

La—Hereafter.

Then, seeing Cyril making a desperate endeavor to get a light out of his patent lighter,

La—Laurette—That?

Cy—Lighter.

La—Work?

Cy—Sometimes.

He got a laugh with that and succeeded in getting a light also, and they smoked their way through the love, proposal and acceptance scene to the curtain.

Authors who appeared were John Foster Long, who read from "Madame Bovary"; Delysia Prince, who sang native Indian and Arabian songs; and "Kashia," as an encore; Mary Stewart, reading from "My Love Was a Silver Boy"; Henry Sydney Harrison, "Qued"; Josephine Daskam Bacon, who recited "The Sleepy Song"; Miss Ruth Dwyer, in monologue; Rupert Hughes, who read "A Very, Very Short Story"; Rachel Crothers in scenes from her play, "Young Wisdom"; and Percy MacKaye, reading from his play, "The Scarecrow."

During an intermission Thomas and Will Iwan sold the cartoons and books at auction. The top price for books was paid Gustav Koenig's "Opera Singers," containing a cartoon of Caruso by himself. Archer Huntington paid \$65 for it.

After the readings there was a series of moving pictures of famous authors at their work, followed by moving scenes from the masterpieces this work had produced.

WANTS 16 COMMISSIONERS

Senator Kenyon Would Increase

Regulators of Commerce.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Increasing the membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission to sixteen and dividing the country into five districts, with headquarters at Washington, Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City and San Francisco, were proposed in a bill to-day by Senator Kenyon.

The principal office would be at Chicago.

Commissioners in any district might file a case, which could be appealed to the entire commission. No commissioners would be assigned to the district for which he was appointed, and commissioners assigned to a district would be required to live there. The entire commission would sit twice a year at Chicago.

MONROE CREW SAVED FIRST

One Woman Passenger in Life-boat Containing Sixteen.

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—There were fifteen men and one woman in the lifeboat launched under the direction of Captain Edward E. Johnson, of the wrecked steamer Monroe, according to testimony to-day in the trial of Captain George H. of the steamer Nantucket, which was in collision with the Monroe.

Martin Reinhardt, able seaman, said there was not one person in the boat when Captain Johnson gave orders to row away from the doomed ship that he could positively identify as a passenger. He added afterward, he said, that the woman in the lifeboat, a negro, was a passenger.

Silk-laden Express Car Burns.

Stamford, Conn., Feb. 19.—An American Express Company car, consigned from New York to White River Junction, Vt., over the New Haven Railroad, burned early to-day with its valuable cargo.

The fire was discovered in the car at Broad Beach, but nothing could be done to check it. Silk shipments in the car are known to have been valued at several thousand dollars.

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MISS MARGARET HAWKSWORTH AND BASIL N. DURANT



DURANT IN DANCING ACT

To Appear with Miss Hawksworth at Exclusive Fetes.

Society people in general to-day are interested in the announcement made by Basil Napier Durant and Miss Margaret Hawksworth that they will appear as semi-professionals in the new dances at exclusive society affairs. Mr. Durant is the son of William West Durant, a member of the Metropolitan and New York Yacht clubs.

William West Durant at one time was the owner of vast tracts of land in the Adirondacks, and the camps of Alfred Vanderbilt, Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, C. P. Huntington, Timothy Woodruff and others are on sites purchased from him.

Basil Durant has taken a keen interest in the modern dances and Miss Hawksworth frequently has appeared as his partner. She is the daughter of Mrs. R. W. Hawksworth.

Mr. Durant, who has a studio at the Carlton Chambers, 4th street and Madison avenue, said yesterday that the decision on the part of Miss Hawksworth and himself had come after much urging by society people. Speaking of the dance of to-day, Mr. Durant said: "Since the dancing craze swept over us New York is mentally ten years younger. Surely such a universal tonic deserves a boost rather than a knock."

The couple will appear to-morrow afternoon at a tea dance given by Mrs. Hawksworth at the Hotel Plaza. The dancers say they have no stage aspirations.

SLEZAK CALLED DESERTER

Stranded Opera Troupe Condemn Action of Noted Tenor.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Denver, Feb. 19.—The Canadian Grand Opera Company to-day cancelled all its future engagements. The supers, chorus and ballet are planning to start for New York as soon as possible. Two benefit performances, matinee and evening, were given at the Auditorium to-day, and it was declared that enough was taken to pay the stranded troupe to Gotham.

At noon to-morrow one hundred members of the company will be the guests of Denver at the municipal lodging house.

A big dinner is assured them, and many of them are hungry.

Mme. Marie Rappold to-day took \$40 out of her own pocket and bought a meal for the whole party.

Meantime, the actors declare that \$6,000 of the receipts taken in here the first night has disappeared. The company's managers and the local manager, who has sued the company, could not be found by the troupe. Leo Slezak, the tenor, who left yesterday, was condemned to-day by the other stars for deserting.

Light Fails as Recluse Dies.

Mansfield, Conn., Feb. 19.—Every night for the last twenty years John Fitch, eighty-six, who has lived alone on his well kept farm near here, placed a lighted lamp in his window to let folks know he was all right. Last night the cottage was dark. Selectmen investigated and found Fitch unconscious. He died this morning. His wife and daughter died a year ago and Fitch became a recluse.

Grand Jury Exonerates Rector.

Bayonne, N. J., Feb. 19.—It was stated to-day that the last has been heard of the hugging and kissing accusations against the Rev. Scott Kidder, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church here, by sixteen-year-old Ethel Paine, and dismissed by the recorder James McCarthy, deputy prosecutor, before the grand jury, but the case was thrown out, it is understood.

Aid of John Brown Dead.

Tabor, Iowa, Feb. 19.—Lemuel E. Webb, forty-one years old, died here to-day.

He was a personal friend of John Brown and often assisted him in operating his "underground railroad" for runaway slaves. Tabor being one of the important points on the line.

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